GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1051
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MISUSE OF CEREMONIAL LOUNGE AT IGI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Airport protocol is thrown to the winds as Goel throws a fit` appearing the `Indian Express` dated January 7, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the laid down procedure of using the Ceremonial Lounge at the IGI airport;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted in the matter; and

(e) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. A request was received by Airport Director for use of Ceremonial lounge at terminal II, IGI Airport by Minister of State in Prime Minister`s Office.Airport Director explained that as per the laid down procedure regarding the use of the Ceremonial Lounge, Ministers of State are not entitled for this. However, later as per directions of the Ministry the lounge was opened for use of Minister of State in Prime Minister`s Office. Ministry of Civil Aviation can authorise use of the lounge in individual cases.

(d) :- No, Sir.

(e) :- Does not arise.